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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - THE UNHCR APPEAL FOR FIRST
ASYLUM AND RESETTLEMENT

REF: STATE 194698

1. DCM PASSED SUBSTANCE U.S. RESPONSE TO UNHCR APPEAL TO ROGERS, HEAD UN SECTION IN DFA AND FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES SINCE U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM. HE ALSO MADE POINTS PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTTEL EMPHASIZING HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS AND FACT SUCH REFUGEES MAY WELL BE CONSIDERED HIGH QUALITY GIVEN THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND COURAGE IN ESCAPING.

2. ROGERS SAVHSUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED BY UNHCR PERSONALLY WITH MINISTER MACKELLAR, MINISTER OF IMMIGARATION, TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO IN GENEAL WAY, BUT THAT GOA STILL DID NOT HAVE TEXT UNHCR'S APEAL OR THE ATTACHED PAPER. FOR HIS INFORMATION WE PROVIDED INFORMAL TEXTS RECONSTRUCTED FROM OTHER TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUVIECT.

3. ROGERS SAID WHOLE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MADE NO PROMISES WHATSOEVER THAT GOA WOULD ACCEPT INDOCHINESE REFUGEES
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DISCUSSED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WE INTEND STAY IN TOUCH WITHGOA OFFICIALS
ON THIS MATTER BUT ARE NOT RPT NOT SANGUINE ABOUT ANY
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THEIR PART. ON OTHER HAND, MEMBERS
THIS GOVERNMENT WHILE IN OPPOSITION CRITICIZED FORMER
LABOR GOVERNMENT FOR ITS NIGGARDLY RECEPTION OF ORIGINAL
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND MAYBE IF THERE ARE PARTICULAR
CASES MERITING AUSTRALIAN RECPETION FOR RESETTLEMENT
THEY WILL DO SOMETHING IF PUSHED HARD. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE PRESSURE SHOULD COME FROM UNHCR RATHER THAN
USG.

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